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## Fall Foliage and Festivals along the Nickel Plate Arts Trail

**HAMILTON COUNTY** – Festivals and events dot the countryside during autumn weekends along the historic Nickel Plate Arts Trail. Here travelers have a chance to experience everything from upstairs architecture and renaissance-era crafts to authentic arms-making and art displays. For more information on each of these events, visit www.nickelplateartstrail.org.

- The Tipton Pork Festival, Sept. 10-12, features local cuisine along the lines of pork chop dinners and pie. The festival will also feature live entertainment from local bands and an arts and crafts marketplace. On Saturday, Sept. 12, avoid parking hassles and take a train from Forest Park to the festival. Also on Sept. 12, the Indiana Transportation Museum will exhibit an 1898 Flagler Car, an early, traveling form of a luxury "hotel" room.
- From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sept. 26-27, 700 vendors showcase their artisan crafts, vintage antiques, and local cuisine at the Atlanta New Earth Festival. The Indiana Transportation Museum will offer a shuttle to the festival on Saturday and Sunday.
- Oct. 3-4, The 2009 Fishers Renaissance Faire returns to Conner Prairie. Experience jousting, live theatrical and musical performances, wares from more than 35 artisans, and an all around feast at this annual event, which celebrates the heritage of Fishers' sister city, Billericay, England. With unique artisans such as pewter collectibles, flavored honey, beads, and leather goods, the faire is a must see for any Nickel Plate traveler.
- From 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, trail travelers can journey north to the small town of Arcadia for Autumn Fest. The event features live music, handcrafted items for sale, and a pumpkin decoration center, plus craft demonstrations by artisans participating in the Arcadia Arts Initiative.

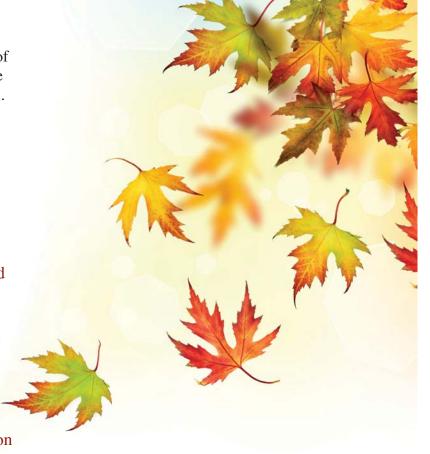


• The Lenape Dance on Oct. 10 at Conner Prairie features the museum's Lenape friends from Oklahoma who will bring to life the culture and dance traditions of the Lenape. Dance to the beat of the water drum, shake a gourd rattle and experience a Lenape dance firsthand. Visit www.connerprairie.com for more information.



Extending 30 miles from Fishers to Tipton, the Historic Nickel Plate Arts Trail runs through Fishers, Noblesville, Cicero, Arcadia, Atlanta, and Tipton. One of eight Indiana Artisan Trails adopted by the state, the Trail is accessible by rail through the Indiana Transportation Museum or automobile on Allisonville Road and State Road 19, as well as by river through canoe trips..

The trail focuses on the more traditional forms of the arts and celebrates the food, culture, and heritage of each of its 6 communities. The Hamilton County Convention and Visitors Bureau is sponsoring the trail in collaboration with local arts-related organizations.



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